Rabbit and Squirrel

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**Once upon a time there was a Squirrel and a Rabbit. The squirrel was storing up his nuts for the winter while the rabbit ate his carrots that he had gathered that day. The squirrel as he was gathering nuts off a tree asked Rabbit…**

**“Rabbit, why is it that you are eating your carrots now? Why don’t you save them for the winter like I do?”**

**The Rabbit replied “It don’t have to store my carrots I live strong through the winter with my fur.”**

**“Don’t you need a house to stay in?” asked the Squirrel**

**“NO! I’m tough and strong and live though the winter, all day long!” said the Rabbit stubbornly**

**“Okay. Well my home is going to be warm and cozy all winter long if you get weak, sick, or ill you are welcome in my home! My wife cooks a mean nut stew and blanket of leaves will be by the warm fireplace you are welcome to stay.” said the Squirrel with a smile**

**“I will not need your hospitality Squirrel I’m great and tough and strong winter is where I belong! No fires no home-cooked meals, no blankets, and absolutely no Squirrels!” said the angry Rabbit**

**“Alright suit yourself my offer is still open if you want good health.”**

**Winter came, the rabbit was cold and he was really old. The old Rabbit hoping up and down in the forest left little footprints behind him. A snap of a branch the Rabbit turns around, a hunter stand above him tall and proud he mumbles words that the bunny doesn’t understand but it sounded something like this:**

**“Luanne! I found dinner! Come quick and bring the knife.”**

**The old Rabbit didn’t understand what the hunter has said but he took a deep breath and ran to the Squirrels home. He knocked on the Squirrels door about five times and rang the door-bell twice. Finally the Squirrel came to the door and cracked the door open an inch.**

**“Hello? Who’s there? What do you want?” asked the Squirrel.  
 “It’s Rabbit you have to help me! There is a hunter outside and I don’t know what to do! May I please come in?!”**

**“What? Rabbit why are you here? I thought you didn’t need my home, my kids they are asleep, taking their nap, I’m sorry Rabbit but unless you want to come in my home you have to bring three nuts and some snow.” Replied the squirrel**

**“Alright, alright whatever it takes thank you so much Squirrel you have saved my terrible fate!”**

**The Rabbit ran though the forest up and down, up and down he jumped, for he had to get three nuts! He ran and ran and ran so far, until he found a tree with exactly three nuts! He jumped, he jumped as high as he could he bit the big tree and gathered the nuts in his paws and ran back to the Squirrels door.**

**“Squirrel! Squirrel! Please let me in! The hunter is behind me! Help! Help!” the Rabbit cried.**

**The Squirrel opened the door just the littlest bit and grabbed the three nuts right front Rabbit’s hand! Then closed the door quietly and scurried to the couch he fed his family while the Rabbit was still outside his house.**

**“Squirrel?! Squirrel?!, please! Come back I’m very sorry for being such a doubt!”**

**Squirrel came to the door, he opened the door wide.**

**“Thank you for your apology, please come in and sit by the fire. You must be very, very tired.” Said Squirrel.**